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In re application of:Charles ROESSET et al. Conf. No. 5260

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated November 15, 2005.

Applicant believes no fee is due. If this belief is in error, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or fee to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST-1275).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-10 and 17.

Applicants have amended claims 11, 15 and 18.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.